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LD151046 Moscow TASS in English 1032 GMT 15 Dec 83

[Text] Vienna December 15 TASS -- The concluding full-scale meeting of the 31st round of talks on Mutual Reductions of Armed Forces and Armaments in Central Europe took place here today. Journalists were told at a press conference that Andre Wieland, leader of the delegation from the German Democratic Republic, who addressed the meeting on behalf of the socialist states, summed up the results of the round.

He emphasized that the socialist countries in 1983 have made important initiatives making it possible to get the Vienna talks out of the impasse. But the NATO countries have not done anything on their part towards this end and continue sticking to their unrealistic, obstructionist positions.

The date for the resumption of the talks will be agreed upon later through diplomatic channels.

GENERAL SPECULATES ON NORDIC NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE

PM141336 Helsinki HUFVUDSTADSBLADET in Swedish 11 Dec 83 p 4

["Today's Discussion" column: "Missiles Fly Over Finland"]

[Excerpt] The Missiles, Finland, and the Extent of the Zone

Soviet General V. Tatarnikov has granted an interview to SUOMENMAA editor in chief Seppo Sarlund, in which he said that it is up to Finland to repulse the cruise missiles. They will pass through Finnish airspace and will be destroyed on their way toward their targets. Tatarnikov spoke of a nuclear-free zone in the Nordic area and stated that the Soviet Union is prepared to include the Baltic region [Baltikum] in the zone. We quote first what Tatarnikov said about cruise missiles in response to the question on how Finland is to defend itself.

"That is something that is completely up to your own state. As an expert I can only say that, in the event of war breaking out, U.S. combat aircraft and missiles will fly over Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. The flight altitude of the cruise missiles is low -- 20 to 50 meters. On their way cruise missiles follow the contours of the terrain in the area through which they are passing, such as hills and depressions; they can collide with objects that are difficult to detect (towers, poles, and the like). In such cases the nuclear warhead is extremely dangerous. In addition, the countries of the Warsaw Pact will not quietly follow the missiles and the aircraft approaching their targets; they will be destroyed while still in flight.

"Certain NATO experts have even been reassuring the Scandinavian countries that the missiles will not pass over their territory, that they will in some way pass over neutral seas and sparsely populated regions. If I may say so, this is rubbish. The trajectories which have been worked out for these missiles pass through the Scandinavian countries.

"This question is of importance when considering a nuclear-free zone in the Nordic area. If the countries on the Scandinavian peninsula belong to a nuclear-free zone, the sides should guarantee their airspace's inviolability."

A large part of the interview deals with a nuclear-free zone in the Nordic area which, Gen V. Tatarnikov states, the Soviet Union supports. In addition to the Soviet Union's being prepared to include the Baltic [Oestersjoen] in the zone, the general also mention the Baltic region [Baltikum].

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[Unattributed report: "Theoretical Conference"]

[Text] A theoretical conference of generals, admirals, and officers of the allied armies was held at the headquarters of the Warsaw Pact states' Joint Armed Forces 20 December on the subject "Imperialism's Psychological War Against Socialism: The Activity of the Fraternal Communist and Workers Parties in Educating Working People and Servicemen in the Spirit of Patriotism, Internationalism, and High Political Vigilance".

Army General A.I. Gribkov, chief of staff of the Warsaw Pact Joint Armed Forces, delivered the report "The Intensification of Imperialism's Psychological War Against the Socialist Countries Is a Constituent Part of NATO's Aggressive Plans: The Communist and Workers Parties' Struggle Against Bourgeois Ideology and Other Forms of Anticommunism".

The following generals and officers of the fraternal armies participated in the discussion of the report: Major General P. Khalkov (Bulgarian People's Army), Major General A. Palasti (Hungarian People's Army), Major General W. Zaroba (GDR National People's Army), Brigade General S. Rogowski (Polish Army), Colonel G. Neascu (Romanian Army), Colonel General V.N. Verevkin-Rakhalskiy (USSR Armed Forces), and Lieutenant General B. Kucera (Czechoslovak People's Army).

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